

47TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN TIER ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
BLIND AND COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS  
48TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT DUDLEY MOTOR HOTEL  
MAY 15, 1968

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Mrs. H. E. Van Zwanenberg - Cuba	John M. Barrett - Jamestown

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OFFICE REPORT - May 1967-May 1968

241 calls were made on the blind and visually handicapped in the area with 4,409 miles traveled. Home calls were made for the Prevention of Blindness on several children and many adults. Glasses and eye examinations were necessary in these cases. The area Lions Clubs and Auxiliaries helped with the expenses incurred.

Since September 1st, 1967 there have been 25 new cases investigated and classifications secured.

Talking Book service was secured for 27 new users. 12 Talking Book Machines have been converted to the new three speed (8 1/3, 16 1/3 and 33 1/3 R.P.M.) Many machines have had minor repairs. (These were done by your secretary's son Allan).

During the year 20 hospital calls, 15 nursing home calls, 2 funerals attended and 6 visits to funeral homes were made.

One of the children dismissed from the Batavia School for the Blind was accepted in the Jamestown Public School system and visual aids have been secured for him. Our thanks to the Jamestown Lions Club for their fine cooperation. A Talking Book Machine was given to this child and records secured and his interest in school has greatly improved.

A school conference was arranged and attended to find out the needs of a Jr. High boy and the necessary steps have been taken to help him secure visual aids.

A blind person who was brought from a nursing home in Allegany County to live in Falconer has been called on several times to help her adjust to her new environment.

Materials have been delivered and the finished products picked-up and sold. Our salesroom at 406 E. Fourth Street has a new look. The entry-way is painted a light yellow. Jamestown Shop and Save donated a bolt of light green material and curtains were made to serve as a back-drop to our window display. Won't you pay us a visit soon?

The Jamestown Bowling is having its usual successful season. Mrs. Muth is continuing her role as score-keeper. Volunteers are serving as drivers and aides. The average number of bowlers for the year have been eight. One of the bowlers received his own bag and ball for Christmas. A banquet and trophies will climax the season. Trophies were donated by Norm Robinson. The bowlers were saddened by the death of two of their team mates. They will long be remembered by their many friends and acquaintances.

Orientation talks were given by Mrs. Muth to two groups of nurses from Jamestown Community College.

Braille calendars for 1968 have been distributed and one blind man was so pleased to receive his that he gave me a book of daily Bible meditations.

A new Caining Shop has been set-up for one of the blind. We now have two blind men who can do caining and rush work. Work has been taken to these gentlemen.

In September, the Alleghany County Group, held a lovely luncheon at the Fassett Hotel in Wellsville, N.Y. Mrs. Helen Chapin, President, introduced me to the members. Numerous trips have been made to this county, and calls have been made in Nursing Homes, and on many of our blind friends there.

The Lake Shore Group held a most successful sale at the Chautauqua County Fair last summer. In October, Mrs. Alvin Haaglund was elected President of this group. A luncheon and demonstration meeting was held at the White Inn in Fredonia. Blind individuals from various parts of Chautauqua County demonstrated their skill in reading and writing Braille, typing, leather work, weaving, chair caning and the making of braided dolls. Miss Catherine Draper, made the arrangements for the blind who participated in this delightful affair.

Conferences have been held with various State Workers, and visits have been made here by representatives of the Commission of the Blind in New York City, and Buffalo. Mrs. Bettina Wolff, from the Library of the Blind in Albany, visited our office also.

A Revolving Fund was established through the generosity of the Falconer's Lion's Auxiliary. This fund will be used to buy, so we can have on hand, some aid's and appliances for the blind.

Referral cases from Dunkirk, Sherman, and Cherry Creek Lion's Clubs have been successfully handled.

A lovely conference desk was donated by Art Metal Inc.

Jamestown Veneer and Plywood donated plywood to cover our files-our thanks to them.

Dorothea S. Aitken (Mrs. John W.)  
Executive Secretary

#### CUBA AREA ACTIVITIES

There was a total of 68 eye donors in the area, and 3 eye donations were received at the Buffalo Eye Bank. Publicity was given on New Eyes for the Needy and a donation of 112 pairs of glasses, a gold bracelet, and 2 silver spoons. Meetings were attended and talks given to help further the public's education on blindness. We had 4 referrals, 1 new blind case, and 4 deaths this year. Numerous visits, letters, and telephone calls have been made. The Lions Club gave 5 baskets at Thanksgiving time.

Mrs. H. E. Van Zwanenberg



## SOUTHWESTERN TIER ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INC.

## TREASURER REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1967 to DECEMBER 31, 1967

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1967 \$ 2,237.89

FIELD SERVICE TO BLIND AND OFFICE OPERATIONSRECEIPTS

Allegheny County Board of Supervisors	\$ 850.00	
Chautauque County Board of Supervisors	3,200.00	
Refunds	3.00	\$ 4,053.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 2,937.06	
Telephone	186.23	
General Office Expense	313.10	
Automobile Mileage	364.31	
Treasurer Bond	30.00	
Insurance	52.18	
Parcel Post & Express	70.84	
Misc.	199.00	\$ 4,152.72

DEFICIT

\$ 99.72

PRODUCTION AND SALESRECEIPTS

Sale of Blind Made Articles	\$ 2,114.45	
Donations	154.42	
Dues	140.00	
Returns on materials	89.70	\$ 2,498.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Articles from other Associations	\$ 544.01	
Material Costs	358.63	
Cost of Manufacture	899.01	
New York Sales Tax	27.59	\$ 1,829.24

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 2,807.50

BUILDING AND OPERATING ACCOUNTRECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1967	\$ 360.83	
Rents	1,694.87	\$ 2,055.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Gas	\$ 259.00	
Paint	338.35	
Repair	114.10	
Service	157.75	
Electricity	98.34	
Water	43.30	
Taxes	495.13	
Advertising Apartments	10.68	
Bank Charge	5.64	
Misc.	2.00	\$ 1,521.29

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$ 531.41

Respectfully Submitted

Treasurer

Allegany County Committee of the Southwestern Tier  
Association for the Blind, May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

Blind Census 62  
New Cases 20

Loss by Death	7
Moved from County	3
Moved from County Home	2

Some 350 calls made by Committee Members in patients homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and the County Home:- taking plants, flowers, candy, baked goods, clothing, gifts and money as needed. At least 200 phone calls have been made by the Committee Director for clients, to clients, to keep in touch with needs, arranging meetings, hospital and Doctor appointments, operations and extended care.

3 Canes given, hearing aid, Braille cards and books, scriptboards, flame savers, wide line writing paper, and the loan of a loom for weaving.

Luncheon meeting held to become acquainted with our new Executive Secretary, Mrs. John Aitken. Three meetings held to consider possible changes in status of the Allegany County Committee. Conclusion to continue in our friendly and satisfactory association with Jamestown Southwestern Tier Association. Meeting to hear Mrs. Miller (Treasurer) explain a new project, the Winton Haven Complete Testing and Screening of young children for perception and acuity for sight, double vision, upside down and strained effort to see. Gave financial assistance for trial year.

Three new speed machines and 5 converted Talking Book Machines are all in use. Distribution and exchange of records thru this transition to 8 1/3 R.P.M. speed use; 12 readers each per month of over 2 subscriptions to Readers Digest.

168 pairs glasses, lens and frames sent to "New Eyes for the Needy", Short Hills, New Jersey.

Representation for the Blind Association, the Multiple Sclerosis, the County Welfare Committee and the new Rehabilitation Service of several counties as the Director at the Council for Social Agencies.

Your director was invited to give a talk at Belmont on Blind work and to the Wellsville Business and Professional Woman's dinner meeting.

Also invited to a Lions Club dinner to hear Mr. James Raptis, (Lions Club Chairman of Blind) gave a splendid detailed talk on the Eye Bank in Buffalo. Also, at this meeting I gratefully accepted much praise for the co-operating work of the Allegany County Committee.

List of 30 names given to Lions Club for baskets of fruit given at Thanksgiving time. Alfred Lions also gave 2 baskets, and Cuba 5 baskets.

No County Fair booth in 1967, but we are having a new sign made and will help as usual in 1968.

The Cuba report rates a separate report.

Mrs. Thomson of Richburg and Bolivar has made calls and sold many brooms. At present is preparing Mrs. B. Allen for a second operation, probably date May 8th. A friend of Mrs. Thomson's gave a second \$100.00 gift this past year. Mrs. Dermitt has had operations and at this time is very ill in Florida.

Your Director has taken care of 2 operations, hospital, post operative nursing home care and transportation. 1st operation September 1967. The 2nd operation just completed for Guy Bullock. Also procuring a new walker chair for Mrs. Bullock, who cannot walk-nor even stand alone. Mrs. G. Messler is now in Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo for medical diagnosis and if possible, eye operations. The hospital and doctor were very understanding of her problems. Once again the Lions Club furnished transportation.

Braille Watch obtained for Mrs. Irene Robbins. A summer cape obtained for Mrs. McFadden. Mr. Bruce Snay came from Michigan to his sisters at Alfred Station a year ago. Since then he has been in Hornell Hospital and Bath Veterans Hospital. From there a nurse took him to a V.A. Hospital and school in Hines, Illinois. Mr. Parish helped him thru his terrible time of adjustment, with visits, phone calls, records, and a Talking Book Machine.

Jack Farnum who went through the Batavia School for the Blind, is now completing his last year at Alfred University and will be on his own after June. The Rehabilitation in Buffalo seems to be unable to continue financial help. The newly formed Rehabilitation Service hopes to establish a Work Shop in this area, which would help so very much in such cases. A most interesting case of an older man, definitely losing his sight, learning and working hard to learn to do some kind of land work in preparation for the dark days. I am hoping that such help can be given to a new patient Mr. Clause Payne, who was an upholsterer and furniture repair man.

More and more cases too numerous to mention.

Resp. Submitted by Director of Allegany Co. Comm.  
Helen Chapin

Allegany County Committee for Blind  
May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968  
Treasurers Report

Refraction and glasses	\$ 36.50
Clothing and supplies for Blind	60.89
2 Subscriptions - Reader's Digest	36.00
1 Subscription - Guidepost	5.00
Repairs to Talking Book Machines	10.00
Supplies for testing school children for reading handicaps due to visual perception	
	<u>193.90</u>
	\$ 342.29

Sara Miller  
Treasurer



JAMESTOWN LIONS AUXILIARY - Jamestown, N. Y.

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

Dr. Franks for Eye Surgery	\$ 125.00
Clothing for the Blind	3.50
Typewriter for Blind Girl	95.00
Camp Fee for Retarded Blind Girl	40.00
Blind Picnic	42.00
Xmas Party for the Blind	370.27
Thanksgiving Baskets and Food for the Blind	110.72
Memorials for the Blind	30.00
Flowers for the Blind	17.22
Birthday Parties for the Blind	44.31
Refreshments for the Blind Club Meetings	<u>33.77</u>
	\$ 911.79

No Cost Services:

1. Personal calls to visually handicapped woman.
2. Assistance at Post Office Stand.
3. Doctor bill for \$140.00 was cancelled through efforts of Lions Auxiliary.
4. Arranged for hospital bed for blind woman.
5. Assist with sale of blind made goods.
6. Serve refreshments for Blind Club meetings.

Rachael Leonard  
President

FALCONER LIONS AUXILIARY - Falconer, N.Y.

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

a) Thanksgiving Baskets given to blind women.	
b) Contribution made to Southwestern Tier Revolving Fund	\$100.00
c) Yarn given to blind lady.	
d) Christmas presents given to blind women.	15.00
e) Fruit basket given to a blind woman who was ill.	
f) Many home calls made.	<u>\$115.00</u>

Margaret Neathery  
Blind Welfare and Visitation

JAMESTOWN LIONS CLUB - Jamestown, N. Y.

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

1. Donation to Guide Dog Foundation	\$ 25.00
2. School Vision Tester	299.25
3. Thanksgiving baskets for the blind	110.72
4. Christmas party for the blind	370.28
5. Donation to the National Braille Press	25.00
6. White Cane Week advertising	78.25
7. Two dozen white canes for the blind	43.15
8. Cost of shipping used glasses	30.30
9. District 20E Blind Student Fund	43.85
10. Trip to Batavia for Blind School Graduates	36.45
11. Flowers to Funerals of blind.	20.40
12. Eye examinations (2)	25.00
13. Braille writer for one blind boy	75.00
14. Meals and other expenses for a blind man	272.03
15. Clothing and other expenses for 13 blind	155.32
16. Easter food and fruit baskets	115.80
17. Pledged for lighting fixtures for new building at Gustavus Adolphus Home for Children	3,072.00
	\$ 4,797.80

W. Ernest Tiffany  
Chairman  
Blind and Sight Conservation Committee

FREWSBURG LIONS CLUB-Frewsburg, N.Y.

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

a) Hospital and home calls have been made on the blind	
b) Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were given to blind	\$ 30.00
c) Eye-sight testing machine purchased for school	53.91
d) Old frames and lenses were collected and sent to New Eyes for the Needy.	
	\$ 83.91

Charles Barone  
President

GERRY LIONS CLUB - Gerry, N.Y.

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

- a) Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts given to blind.
- b) Benefit dinner held for a blind family
- c) Lenses and frames have been collected
- d) Easter Egg Hunt held for the children

Edward J. Bergman  
President



# DUNKIRK LIONS CLUB

## Report of Sight Conservation and Blind Committee

from May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

<u>Number of</u>		<u>Cost</u>
3	Eye Examinations, only	\$ 30.00
16	Pairs of Glasses, furnished (2 cataract lenses)	585.10
1	" " " , repaired	5.00
4	Eye Surgeries	810.42
2	White Canes, furnished	
4	Braille Watches, furnished	63.40
6	Talking Books, sponsored	
6	Eyes sent to Buffalo Eye Bank	
	Contribution to Buffalo Eye Bank	150.00
1	Radio, furnished	30.55
200	Used Lenses & Frames, collected	
50	Eye Donor Cards, forwarded to Buffalo Eye Bank	
1	Medication, furnished	3.75
35	Xmas Baskets, distributed (eye cases)	206.64
	Easter Dinner - Ladies Home for Aged, Fredonia	35.00
Other:		
	Contribution to Buffalo League of Sightless Bowlers	15.00
	Tuition to Batavia School for the Blind, Special Course	60.00
Assistance rendered, Adults <u>31</u>		
	Children <u>8</u>	
Total		<u>\$2,028.79</u>

Frank J. Janice  
Chairman

August Jankowski  
John Mellvain  
Anson Steward

PINE VALLEY LIONS CLUB - Cherry Creek, Leon,  
South Dayton

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

13	Eye examinations	\$ 144.00
13	Eye examinations and glasses furnished	520.00
5	Aids and appliances purchased	377.45
14	Visits to the blind	
386	Used lens and glasses collected	<u>\$ 1041.45</u>

Robert Killock  
President

SILVER-FOREST LIONS CLUB

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

Pledge of \$2,000.00 made to Lake Shore Inter-Community Hospital fulfilled this  
year. Total pledge \$2,000.00

Participated in Health - Orama  
3 Eye cases 50.00

Thomas J. Barone  
President

MAYVILLE-CHAUTAUQUA LIONS CLUB

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

Promoted the Eye-Bank program.  
Membership has been increased considerably

Have launched the program to purchase an Ambulance for local use.

Rev. Charles Campbell  
President

BROCTON LIONS CLUB

May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968

1. Secured Talking Book, and large print books for grade school-student.
2. Arrangements being made for eye examination and possible operation.
3. Calls have been made on the blind.

Gerald P. Tubbs  
President

SHERMAN LIONS CLUB - Sherman, N. Y.

2	Appointments for Eye Examinations made	
2	Appliances and Medication	\$ 15.00
	Talking Book Records transported	
	Sponsored the Blood Bank	
	Girl Scout donation to Camp Timbercrest	100.00
1	Eye donation	
200	Lenses and frames collected	
	Visits to Blind men	
		<hr/> \$ 115.00

Neil W. Russell

FALCONER LIONS CLUB - Falconer, N. Y.

3	Individual Eye Examinations	\$ 51.00
2	Pairs of glasses purchased	77.40
1	Eye operation	40.00
5	Aids and Appliances	126.59
150	Used Lenses & Frames Collected	
		<hr/> \$ 294.99

W. K. Wigley  
Secretary

WELLSVILLE LIONS CLUB - Wellsville, N.Y.

April 1, 1967 - April 1, 1968

Report of Sight Conservation and Blind Committee

a)	Financed two eye exams and two pair of glasses	\$ 52.00
b)	Purchased enucleating instruments	42.98
c)	Purchased four tickets to the Performing Arts Council of Wellsville for two blind and spouse	40.00
d)	Delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to thirty blind people.	122.50
e)	Contribution to the Buffalo Eye Bank	125.00
f)	Contribution towards financing of a trip to India of a doctor to perform cataract operations.	75.00
g)	Speeches were made to the Wellsville Exchange Club and the Health Class at the Andover Central School on the Buffalo Eye Bank.	
h)	Sent about 30 eye donor cards to the Buffalo Eye Bank	
i)	Sent ten pair of eyes to the Buffalo Eye Bank	
j)	Transported patient to and from hospital on different occasions	
		<hr/> \$ 457.48

James Raptis  
Chairman



